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For: **FUEL CELL STACK HAVING GROMMET  
WHICH COVERS EACH EDGE OF  
COMMUNICATING PASSAGES FORMED  
IN TERMINAL PLATE**

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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicants herewith make of record the following publications which may be material during the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application:

U.S. Patent No. 4,312,735 (Grimes *et al.*);

U.S. Patent No. 4,371,433 (Balko *et al.*);

U.S. Patent No. 4,533,455 (Balko *et al.*);

Japanese Publication No. 09-063627, published March 7, 1997, including English abstract; and

Japanese Publication No. 2000-164238, published June 16, 2000, including English abstract.

This statement is *not* to be interpreted as a representation that the cited publications are material, that Applicants have conducted an exhaustive search, or that no other relevant information exists. Nor shall the citation of any publication herein be construed *per se* as a representation that such publication is prior art. Moreover, the Applicants understand the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited publications.

A copy of the foregoing publications, including an English Abstracts for the cited Japanese publications, and a reproduction of PTO Form 1449 accompany this statement.

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